

Conferences, Farmers'-1914.

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INTERESTING The Farmers' Conference and Agricultural Short Course began at Snow Hill Institute, a negro school, on the 13th inst., at which a number of white experts made addresses. The following intelligent and interesting declarations were adopted at the first day's conference:

1. Although since our last Conference, some progress has been made in the building of school houses, in extending the school term, and the employment of better teachers, there is yet a lack of interest in some places. It is necessary, therefore, that we put forth greater endeavor to awaken a general educational interest.

2. Our school terms are yet too short. The salaries paid teachers, especially in the rural districts, is a mere pittance. We, nevertheless, thank the Educational Department for what it has done for the negro education. Recognizing, however, that our welfare depends upon proper educational environment, we make an especial appeal for a larger share of the educational funds for rural schools.

3. The cotton boll weevil is here. It has greatly disturbed the farming interests in Alabama. It is, therefore, imperative that every negro farmer will acquire land, diversify his crops, and co-operate with the United States Agricultural Demonstrators in controlling the boll weevil.

4. The alarming death rate among our people tends to show that there is disregard for the laws of health. It appears that too little attention is given to the proper care of the outhouses, screening from flies and mosquitoes, precautions against bed bugs, the use of individual drinking cups, and the proper ventilation of our sleeping rooms. We, therefore, urge that our ministers and teachers make their churches and schools social centers, and give the proper suggestions on the laws of health.

5. As a factor in education, the home is pre-eminent. Hence, we further urge that our people get rid of the one room cabins as speedily as possible, and build in their stead homes having three or more rooms.

6. Good churches and efficient ministers are incalculable to any community. We, therefore, urge that they be given the proper support.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE AT PRINCESS ANNE ACADEMY

(By J. W. Fenderson)

The twelfth annual session of the Farmers' Conference of the Eastern Branch of Maryland Agricultural College was held at Princess Anne Academy May 1 and 2. The weather was ideal and great crowds moved around the grounds and campus.

Splendid programs had been prepared and sent out to them, and these programs promised to have discussed by trained and experienced specialists, such questions and subjects that would give them large information. And too, there was the Woman's Conference to be participated in by the mothers and daughters in the Domestic Science Hall. Hence men and women came in on trains and every imaginable kind of vehicle, from Somerset and Worcester and Wicomico counties. And they got what they came for, and went back home loudly proclaiming the praise of the conference as the best in pro-

gram and preparation ever given them. At 10 o'clock sharp, Friday morning, May 1st, the conference was opened. After prayer and singing of many melodies and hymns, Principal Thos. H. Kiah in a twenty-minutes welcome address set the conference in motion by putting into its life that kind of inspiring enthusiasm of which he is certainly and truly capable. Then came the first lecturer, Dr. R. S. Hill, director of Farmers' Institutes for Maryland. Dr. Hill spoke on "Profitable Crops for Maryland Farmers." A general and interesting discussion, participated in by a large number, followed the lecture. The sentiment favored the recommendation of the speaker as to the variation of the crops. The lecture on "The Family, the Farm, and the School" was delivered by Dr. Clark, who represented Mr. C. K. Graham, director of Agriculture, Hampton Institute. This question and lecture elicited keen interest, for all present understood what relation the family, farm and school must bear to the life, strength and future of our race.

In the afternoon the people had gathered in such large numbers—for fully two thousand were present—part of the program was carried out on the campus. At about 3 o'clock the school band assembled on the lawn and played beautiful selections, which drew the people from every part of the grounds. It was an inspiring scene when the boys in full uniform, under the direction of Mr. Gordon H. Byrd, and the girls, also in full uniform, under the direction of Miss Lydia Brown, went through a drilling exhibition to the delight of the two thousand visitors. At the conclusion of his demonstration of skill, Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College and its branches, introduced Dr. M. Bates Stephens, state superintendent of education. Dr. Stephens spoke on education in its broadest sense as meaning not only the training of the head, but the fullest training of the hand. He commended our people for being the pioneers in this branch of education. He expressed the hope that industrial training would be a part of the course of every public school in Maryland, in which he is deeply interested, and intimated his interest in our own educational welfare. After the closing of the campus program, the women gathered into the Domestic Science Hall for the Woman's Conference, and the men into the Chapel for the Farmers' Conference. At the Woman's Conference addresses were made by Miss Lucretia Kan-nard, supervisor of the public schools of Coraline county, Maryland, and Mrs. Thos. H. Kiah, of the Academy. At the conference in the Chapel, the first address was made by Prof. J. E. Metzger, B. S., Maryland Agricultural College. He spoke on "Boys' and Girls' Clubs," and urged the organization of such clubs in every community for the purpose of studying gardening, raising corn, poultry, or any other farming industry. Prof. B. W. Anson, B. S., also of Maryland Agricultural College, made an address on "Beautifying the Farm." He emphasized the proper arrangement of houses on the farms so that each would bear, not a conspicuous, but a con-

servative relation to others. And he suggested the planting of trees and flowers and shrubs around every home; also lawns and grass plots, if only small. Mr. Thomas C. Walker, a lawyer of Virginia who travels in the interest of the Graduate Department of Hampton Institute, was introduced to the conference by President Spencer, and made an enthusiastic address, and urged the people to get homes and farms, if only small farms, of their own.

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 The East Tennessee Negro Farmers' Convention is to be held at Morristown, under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture at the Morristown Normal and Industrial College from April thirtieth to May second.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Express

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NEGRO FARMERS MEET

In Calvert Encampment They Discuss Matters Pertaining to Betterment of the Home.

Special Telegram to The Express.

CALVERT, Tex., Aug. 28.—Several hundred negroes are in the city attending the annual encampment of the Farmers' Improvement Society.

Professor L. L. Frazier, president of the encampment, delivered an address last night. He exhibited many articles for the home, made by negroes' housewives.

The Improvement Society is an organization composed of negro farmers of Texas having for its object the encouraging and preparation of negro farmers for farm life.

The society owns and controls a college near Antonio, which is known as the Farmers' Improvement College.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

FARMERS' CONFERENCE

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Lawrenceville, Va., August 1.—The tenth annual session of the St. Paul's Farmers Conference which closed its session yesterday afternoon after a two days gathering was among the most interesting and best attended in the history of the Conference. The two days session was given up to hearing reports and statistics of progress and conferences and a round table in which practical subject were discussed. The platform was decorated with the products of farm and garden from the school. A notable sight was a cotton plant four feet high full of bolls nearly ready to open. There were fully 1 800 people present at the two sessions from all sections of the county, besides visitors from nearby counties in Virginia and North Carolina. The program began promptly at 10:15 a. m. Thursday. Prof. J. M. Pollard, Director of Academics made the welcome address, response by Rev. L. Basberville. Committees were appointed and the questions taken up. Those related to the crops, farms, homes, morals, land buying, crime, schools, churches, payment of capitation taxes and county fair.

The summary of answers brought out the following facts: Tobacco, corn, cotton, and peanuts were the principal crops and that in every locality there were attempts more or less successful to raise meat, forage and feed, and vegetables. Crop liens were shown to be decreasing, many communities reported their disuse altogether. The report on farms, owned and rented, showed that the change from tenancy to ownership is still going on. The conference report show that a considerable number have changed since 1910 from tenancy to ownership, reducing the tenancy holdings materially and increasing the owned farms correspondingly. The average price of land was shown to be \$20 to \$30 per acre. Reports showed that

of 17 schools one month, which money was paid out to the teachers on county warrants. In addition to this a number of schools were extended and money paid to the teacher by the local treasurers. Over \$5,000 have been raised during the past five years by the colored people of the county for the education of their children in addition to that they paid in taxes. The assessed valuation of land held for purely farm purposes in Brunswick is \$430,458—over \$178,000 a head of any other county. The real property of Negroes constitute one-sixth of the land and represent one-fifth of the taxable values. The total assessed taxes paid in 1913 in the county, according to the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts from which all figures in the address were taken, is \$25,799.01. Of this among the colored people paid \$6,32.49 or a fraction over one-fourth. In concluding the President urged the members of the Conference to continue efforts to educate their children, buy land, build homes, make useful citizens and be sober truthful, God fearing men and women. His closing word was a strong appeal for his hearers to fall in line and support the cause of temperance, September 22nd. and to be on the right side of every moral question.

FARMERS ORGANIZED

The organization of the Brunswick Farmers Co-operative Company, Inc., with a capital stock of \$15,000 to buy land, fertilizers and other commodities etc., was perfected and \$8,500.00 worth of stock was subscribed on first day. This company is an organization of the Conference to save expenses by co-operative buying. It has the support of the Conference and from the way the shares were taken the first day the future of the company is assured. It is the principle of the Conference, concentration of energies, given concrete shape. The Company is county wide and in this respect stands alone. The shares are \$10.00 and may be bought for cash or on installment plan.

2,400 acres of land, some in tracts \$800,000. The length of the school term then was four months and The Journal and Guide, has a population approximating Franklin, among them Mr. J. W. new homes built, all from two to 3,000. There was not a single two room school and scarcely a decent builder and real estate dealer. Extending the school term by local taxation was unknown. Now there are forty-two schools, several good one room schools, four three room schools and two others about to be built and one Methodist. The Journal and Guide, has a number of friends and readers in Franklin, among them Mr. J. W. Weaver a successful contractor and Cool Spring Baptist Church of which Dr. W. R. Ashburn, is pastor second to none in beauty and style. There are three prominent churches in Franklin two Baptist and one Methodist.

HELPFUL ADDRESSES.

Apart from the report of the feature of the Conference was the splendid addresses. The conference address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Bolding, Presiding Elder, Petersburg District, A. M. E. Z Church. Dr. Bolding's subject was the three "P's"—Principal, Practics and Perfection. He made a strong address along the lines of high ideals, correct living and better standards. Mrs. L. R. Dashiell, Richmond, Director of the Citizens League, gave a very helpful, suggestive and sympathetic address to the Woman's Congress on the work of the Civic and Improvement Leagues. She appealed to the women to give themselves heartily to the cause of civic and social elevation, emphasizing the point that there was something for each to do. Special stress was laid upon child training and the work of the mother in shaping and training the child for future usefulness. Her address was a heart to heart talk with the women and a message of hope and encouragement. It was unfortunate that it had to be curtailed owing to a late arrival and the necessity to take an afternoon train. The closing address was made by Mrs. A. J. Goode, Boydton, Va., and was timely and helpful.

BRUNSWICK'S FINE SHOWING

President Russell's address as a complete resume of progress along material, moral, religious and educational lines. He began by comparing conditions at the beginning of the Conference work ten years ago and now. Then the Negroes owned 25,000 acres of land valued with the buildings thereat \$332 000 and personal property at \$332 000 today they own over 58,000 acres valued with the buildings thereat and personal property at over

THE JOURNAL & GUIDE SOUTHAMPTON FARMERS ORGANIZE CONFERENCE

(Special to Journal and Guide)

The Colored farmers of South Hampton County Va., met in the Courthouse April 30th, and organized a Farmers Conference and elected the following:—Mr. P. F. Claud President; Mr. Cary Stith, Vice President; Mr. J. E. Harris, Treasurer; J. W. Weaver, Secretary. Our next meeting will be held Monday, May 18th, at the County seat. All farmers are invited to be present and get the benefits of the discussion on "The business side of farming," by C. W. Lowe, "The preparation of the soil" by H. E. Smith, "The care of tools" by J. M. Scott, "Home" by A. B. Tennessee. These are all local talent but we are sure that the discussions will be interesting.

South Hampton County, has many intelligent and prosperous farmers quite a number of whom own their farms and are succeeding well. There is no town in the

state of its size, that has a larger complete resume of progress along material, moral, religious and town of Franklin Va.

The educational facilities there are good and above the average. For these conditions Mrs. D. I. Hayden the founder and principal of Franklin Normal and Industrial School, is entitled to much commendation. The enlightened atmosphere of Franklin is responsible for the acknowledged Church pride and the many beautiful

FARMERS' CONFERENCE—Meeting of County Teachers — Business Men A Unit — Among the Churches — Other News and Briefs. The Journal & Guide

Suffolk, Va., March 25.—Saturday, March 21, was a big day for the farmers of Nansemond county notwithstanding the snow and their failure to be able to do the necessary work on their farms. It was a large and representative gathering. Mr. W. H. Crocker is the president of the Conference, and he is doing a good work for these faithful tillers of the soil. The Conference has its eyes on the County Experiment Farm, which is located somewhere in the County, in the very near future. The recent General Assembly made an appropriation for such a farm to be located in this county. It will consist of about twenty acres. Just how, and in what way it will help the Negro farmers, remains to be seen. The white farmers will hold a meeting here March 15th. It is hoped that the Negro farmers will take notice of it. In the meantime, they will continue to their self-help.

Dr. J. H. Love and Mr. Berry O'Kelly are attending the Farmers' Conference at Bricks, N. C. Prof. T. N. Inborden, principal of Joseph K. Brick school, is the promoter of these conferences, which take place annually. Prof. S. G. Atkins, principal of State Normal and Industrial School, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Prof. G. W. Owens, B. S., and Agriculturist, of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, Petersburg, Va. Rev. L. Bolden of Dudley, N. C., gave very instructive lectures on

the subject of Agriculture. Mr. Berry O'Kelly of Method, N. C. spoke on the subject of Rural School Farms. Negro farmers from all parts of the State were present and joined in discussions of interest to Negro farmers. Dr. J. H. Love, secretary of the Colored Industrial Association, addressed the farmers and urged them to prepare exhibits for our Annual Fair, which comes off next October, at Raleigh.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE AT GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 24.—The sixteenth annual Farmers' Conference was held at the State Industrial College, February 18, 19 and 20. President R. R. Wright of the college secured an unusually large number of able speakers for the conference. The subjects discussed were divided into three or four departments. The principal department was that of farming, under which were thoroughly discussed the subjects of soil fertility, commercial and barnyard fertilizers, farm crops and horticulture, discussed by Prof. R. W. Crouse, Director of Agriculture, Hampton Institute; Dr. E. M. Nighbert of the United States Department of Agriculture; Prof. R. H. Thomas of the agricultural department of the institution and Dr. R. H. DeLoach, Director of the Experiment Station, Experiment, Ga.

Under the department of animal husbandry there were discussed the diseases and improvement of live stock, poultry-raising. Loring Brown, one of the ablest expert poultry raisers in the South; Dr. E. M. Nighbert and Dr. DeLoach discussed these subjects. The subject of conversation of health was very prominent. Under this head were discussed tuberculosis, hookworm and pellagra and general health conditions.

The lectures in this department were given by charts and stereopticon views. Those to participate in discussion were Dr. A. G. Fort of the field sanitation, Board of Health of Georgia; Dr. A. M. Brown, President National Medical Association, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. R. M. Grimm, United States Marine Hospital, Savannah, Ga.; Dr. R. L. Wilson, United States Marine Hospital, Charleston, S. C.; Dr. E. M. Nighbert, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The moral and religious condition was discussed by a number of ministers. Education was discussed by President E. T. Ware of Atlanta University, and Prof. Otis Ashmore, Superintendent of Education, Savannah, Ga. There was a very general discussion of household economics lead by Mrs. W. G. Hill of Savannah and Mrs. M. B. Sheftall of Macon, Ga.

The conference consisted of farmers as delegates and representatives of some twenty odd farming counties. Many of them had been constant visitors of the conference and reported their progress in gaining land and making crops since last visiting the conference.

NEGRO FARMERS' CONVENTION

Program of the East Tennessee Negro Farmers' Convention, to be held at Morristown, Tenn., under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture at the Morristown Normal and Industrial College, April 30-May 1 and 2.

April 30

Morning Session—Invocation, the Rev. J. W. Manning. Scope of the Work of the State Department of Agriculture, Capt. T. F. Peck, Commissioner. Sanitation and Its Relation to Farm Life, Dr. Yancy, State Department of Health.

Afternoon Session—Farm Improvement Work, B. M. Anderson, Field Agent Southern R. R. Farm Demonstration Work, H. D. Tate, State Agent Farm Demonstration Work. General discussion, led by farmers and speakers.

Evening Session—Domestic Science Lecture, Alice McLean. General discussion by ladies.

May 1

Morning Session—Need of Silos on East Tennessee Farms, by O. P. R. Fox, farmer. Fundamental Principles of Soil Improvement, by H. A. Morgan, Experiment Station.

Afternoon Session—The Farm Dairy, by C. A. Hutton, dairy and poultry expert, Southern R. R. Diseases of Farm Animals, by Dr. Geo. R. White, State Live Stock Veterinary. General discussion, any topic.

Evening Session—Morristown and East Tennessee as a Poultry Center, by F. Roger Miller, editor Morristown Republican. Farm Poultry, by J. A. Dintwiddle, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture. General discussion.

May 2

Morning Session—Morristown Board of Trade and Its Interest in the Colored Farmer, by President J. N. Fisher. Discussion of farm fertilizers, by S. A. Miller, Field Agent Southern R. R.

Afternoon Session—Live Stock Industry in East Tennessee, by D. C. Lowe, Live Stock Agent, Southern R.

Insect Control, by G. M. Bently, State Entomologist. Election of officers, etc., for ensuing year. Adjournment.

THE BRICKS, N. C.
The farmers' conference was held at Brick School, February 21. The program was interesting. A speech was made by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin on the subject of canning fruits and vegetables and the raising of poultry and hogs. The Rev. Mr. Baldwin is a progressive Negro and owns a large farm in or near Dudley, N. C. Prof. Owen of the Petersburg Normal and Industrial School, Petersburg, Va., spoke on the corn growing of the North Carolina and Virginia sections. Prof. Owen is superintendent of the agricultural department of the Petersburg Normal School.

The educational address was made by Prof. Atkins, principal of the State Normal School, Winston-Salem, N. C. He is one of the leading Negroes of our state, and is doing a great work for the colored people of his city and county.

The Jubilee Club rendered some jubilee songs which were enjoyed by the farmers and their wives.

Mrs. J. C. Olden, a graduate of Fisk University, wife of our present treasurer, appeared before the public in the school chapel and rendered a musical recital which was of real artistic value. She was assisted by Mrs. J. J. Fletcher, Mrs. Roberts and Prof. Olden, teachers at this place. The recital was given in behalf of the senior class at Bricks.

Richard B. Harrison, reader, appeared March 4, and Miss Patti Brown on March 28.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is looking forward to its annual banquet, which will be held Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 o'clock, at which time will occur the installation of the officers for the next twelve months beginning April 1.

The Young Men's Christian Association is doing a good work for the uplift of the young people around Bricks and the adjoining towns and communities. The young men are anxiously waiting for March 21, when the new officers will be installed by W. A. Hunton, one of the international secretaries of Washington, D. C. On Sunday, March 22, Mr. Hunton will deliver the annual address.

The Y. M. C. A. brass band is doing fine work with its leader, J. W. Porter, under the guidance of Prof. J. J. Fletcher.

Colored Farmers Meet.

Braxton, Miss., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The annual session of Piney Woods farmers, held at the Piney Woods county life school showed marked and commendable progress over all previous conferences. The ideal weather brought people from far back in the piney woods, until it seemed that every pine sapling blossomed out as a mule hitching post.

Dairying furnished the chief topic of discussion. The use of the cream separator was demonstrated by the students. It was

the first cream separator ever seen by the farmer.

Truck gardening, the growing of fruit trees and berries came in for a share of discussion.

The president of the conference, Prof. Laurence C. Jones, who organized it, four years ago, spoke in a hopeful way of the future of the piney woods farmers and encouraged them to adjust themselves to the new era of farming.

The conference address was made by President J. B. Latham of Edwards. It was full of wise suggestions to the colored farmers and ended with a plea to always measure their life by a Christian standard and not to let their marvelous success make them conceited, but rather humble that greater success might come to them.

Never in the history of the state has there been a gathering of more earnest and progressive colored farmers and the telling of their varied experiences proved extremely helpful to everyone.

Prin of School there
Court at Grenada.

Alabama Farmers

Hold Session

Organize as Part of National Negro Farmers' Congress Under Direction of Prof. P. C. Parks of Normal.

Try To Improve Their Condition

Is Burden of Addresses in Meeting. Permanent Organization Effected and Delegates Elected to National Meet.

Montgomery, Ala., June 18.—"The Negro farmer must learn to put as much brain in his work as the banker, the lawyer, or the merchant. For too long a time have we been eking out an existence on the farm, when it could have been possible for us to have reaped an independent and satisfactory income."

Thus spoke Prof. P. C. Parks, director of agriculture of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, before the first annual session of the Alabama State Farmers' Congress held in Montgomery this week. The State Farmers' Congress is a part of the National Negro Farmers' Congress held in Birmingham last summer, and which will be held this year in Houston, Texas. The Negro farmers of the nation were called together by Prof. E. L. Blackhear, of the Prairie View State Normal School, Prairie View, Texas, and was a successful first effort.

In the meeting in Birmingham, practically every State of the South

was represented. Texas leading and Alabama a close second. Professor Parks was placed in charge of the work of organizing and has brought the Negro farmers of Alabama together in a State meeting. The meeting in this State was well attended and several addresses were delivered by experts, chief of which were Professor Parks and T. M. Campbell, United States Demonstrator, of Tuskegee Institute. State government officials from the Department of Agriculture were also present and made many encouraging remarks. Professor Parks was placed in charge of the State work, and a large delegation elected to attend the National Negro Farmers' Congress in July.

Houston, Tex.

Post

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CREDIT TO TEXAS NEGROES.

"There was a gathering of negroes in Waco this week that is well calculated to command the attention, the respect and good will of the representative element of the white race. For those colored men and women who are not members of the organization it is an object lesson to inspire them to effort to act well their part in life. We are speaking of the annual meeting of the Farmers' Improvement society of Texas. The session lasted three days, ending yesterday.

"About 500 members from over the State were in attendance, and there is evidence that the society is in prosperous and useful condition.

"Surely this is an object lesson full of credit to the colored race and notably to the men who brought this organization into existence and who manage its affairs, who compose its membership. These colored farmers are types of the best element of their race, men who are shaping the future of that race for good. We take pride in thus writing of this essentially commendable movement and we can say that the best element of white people in Waco are proud to have the organization meet here. There is additional gratification in the fact that some of the leading spirits have their homes and do business in Waco.

"This society is the best evidence of what the really worthy and capable negroes of Texas are doing for the public good. It is as desirable that the negroes of that class shall prosper and progress as well as the white race."

Wade C. Rollins.

Houston, Texas.

COLORADO FARMERS MEET

Special to The Advertiser.

GREENVILLE, ALA., Jan. 15.—A meeting of the Colored Farmers' Conference, of Butler County, was held this week at the auditorium of the Lomax-Hannon High and Industrial Institute. Mr. J. E. Helms, Butler County farm demonstrator, made an address on modern farming. A number of colored speakers were on the program, including Prof. J. R. Wingfield, Rev. L. Hawthorn, and Prof. M. W. Rakestraw, of the Tuskegee Conference.

A number of colored farmers were in attendance, and they told what they were doing on their farms. A vote of thanks were rendered to Mr. Helms who addressed the conference, and to the firms of Greenville who gave premiums to the farmers.

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Farmers Meeting & Workers

Conference

F. A. Valley High
and Industrial School,
F. A. Valley, Ga.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

NEGRO CONFERENCE

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To Be Held Commencement
Week At Christianburg Indus-
trial Institute

Cambria, Va., May 11.—A Conference of workers composed of 7th. Farmers, Mechanics, Professional and Business men will meet at the Christiansburg Industrial Institute, May 20th, to consider questions of interest to Negro people. Among those who will deliver addresses are Dr. J. P. McConnell of the Radford Normal, Mr. J. M. Trimble of the V. P. I. and Mr. Robert E. Clay of Bristol.

The regular Commencement Exercises will be held on the 21st, at which time a class of eight will receive diplomas. Dr. J. E. Eggleston, President of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Virginia will deliver the Annual Address. Rev. L. L. Downing, D. D., will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday, May 17th.

ADMISSION.

It is very necessary that the Conductor, the Rev. James S. Russell, know at once how many teachers will attend. Fill out application blank signed on page inside of cover and forward at once to Principal James S. Russell, Lawrence-

ville, Va.

Important:—In order to make proper preparations for passing State Examinations all teachers should be present on the opening day of the session, June 23rd, and remain until the close July 21st.

EXPENSES:

All bills for the session must be paid at the time of enrollment. A proportionate amount of the board charge will be refunded if the teachers must leave before July,

Board \$8.00.

Special rates on railroads. Apply in advance to local railroads agents or write us.

Two dollars should be sent with application to insure reservation of room.

FUNDAMENTALS EMPHASIZED: While we are prepared to do thoroughly well all the work out-

lined for the regular High Schools in Virginia, we desire to emphasize the fundamentals.

We wish to help in the efforts to remove Emergency Certificates from Virginia.

We invite correspondence concerning special work in Language and Literature.

RULES:

Only such rules as are necessary to keep unimpaired the reputation of the School for serious work and unquestioned character will be enforced.

LOCATION.

The St. Paul Normal and Industrial School is situated in the town of Lawrenceville, Va., on the Southern Railway System midway between Norfolk and Danville, in

the County of Brunswick. The town is approached by the Southern Railway, crossed by the Atlantic Coast Line at Emporia, Va., twenty miles east of Lawrenceville, while the Seaboard Air Line runs within two miles of the School's property on the North.

Lawrenceville, is a splendid place for the Summer Normal. Much can be done to make it pleasant for our Summer teachers. It is a decided advantage that there is not the constant attractions of the city to make all play and no work.

PURPOSE OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL:

To assist the State in its task of giving to colored children better teachers.

To help teachers to pass the State Examinations.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—The 15th annual farmers' week, which was in session at the A. and M. College from February 9 to 14, was in many respects the most successful in the history of the college.

More counties were represented in this meeting than ever before, which is an indication that the influence of the meeting is growing from year to year. Lectures were given on nearly every phase of agricultural activity by experts from the departments of agriculture at Washington, D. C., and Raleigh, N. C.

For the first time prizes were given for the best samples of corn, tobacco and cotton. This feature added a great deal of interest to the institute. Prizes were awarded as follows: The first prize of \$5 was awarded to M. S. Scales for the ten best ears of corn; the second to Robert Herbin. The first prize for the best tobacco was awarded to John Russell. The first prize offered for the best cotton was awarded to Fred Crutchfield. It is planned to offer a greater number of prizes next year, and in this way to stimulate the farmer in producing a better crop.

The people of Greensboro were given a musical treat on Friday night when Royland Hayes, assisted by Charles J. Harris, rendered a program in the A. and M. College chapel.

Dr. J. Stanley Durkee is delivering a course of lectures at the A. and M. College. Dr. Durkee is pastor of the South Congregational Church of Brockton, Mass., and is making a tour of the South.

MISSISSIPPI FARMERS CONFERENCE.

In Tenth Annual Session Teachers, Preachers, Lawyers, Doctors Present Address By Prof. William H. Holtzclaw.

Utica Institute, Miss.—The tenth annual Farmers' Conference has brought to this place farmers and representa-

tive men from all parts of this country, who come for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to all the people, and to take such steps as will better the condition of the race. In the personely of the visitors are doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, business men with the farmers and working men.

There was an unusual amount of interest manifested in the meeting by all, and the addresses delivered received great ovations. The men who had the fortune to be trained in some of the best schools in the country talked and then followed the plan of a man from the plantation who told his story, how he had made success, and some told of their failures.

The conference opened Wednesday with a meeting of the teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers and business men. It proved to be a most helpful meeting in every particular. Prof. W. H. Holtzclaw, president of the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute, presided. He is the prime mover in the conferences, and is thus devoting his life for the development of the people in this section of the country.

Some practical talks were made in the opening meeting. Among the speakers were Prof. Z. T. Hubert, president of the Jackson college, Jackson, Miss.; Prof. J. S. Clark, president of Southern University, New Iberia, La.; Rev. A. A. Cosey, of Mound Bayou, Miss.; W. H. Lanier, principal of the colored school, Jackson, Miss.; Prof. J. A. Martin, president Alcorn A. and M. College; and Charles Stewart, Chicago, Ill.

At an early hour Thursday morning, the people began to pour in for the conference, and trains brought many. Every possible means of transportation

were pressed in service. Some came on foot, some on horseback, some in the old ox-carts, some used up-to-date buggies, and automobiles.

Special music was furnished by the student body number 300. The jubilee songs were largely used. They all built the woods for miles around ring. It was a great meeting. Rev. A. A. Cosey made a special prayer, recounting the progress made by the people through the prayers of the men and women who served in the days of slavery, and made this day possible. For it all he thanked God.

The feature was a practical address delivered by Prof. William H. Holtzclaw, the young man who has brought into life the school. He had called the people together. He wanted to see the farmer better his condition, and thought that it was possible for them to do so.

In his opening remarks he reminded the people that it was the tenth time in ten years that they had been called together to discuss problems confronting them and if possible find solutions for them. He had witnessed wonderful progress, because many of the people who were tenants ten years ago were now owners of their farms and were making good. They had paid for their farms and some were buying land.

He appreciated the fact that in addition to this they were at the same time educating their children. He wanted that they should continue to do this, and make the public schools better as well as the other schools. He urged that they stay in touch with the white people of their communities, and go to the white doctors, lawyers, bankers, merchants, business men in general and tell them of the condition of their schools, and they would find sympathizers who would be willing to help them. He had always been able to find white people who desired to see the negro do well. The methods he had

used in building up Utica Normal and Industrial Institute, could be used in building up other schools.

Professor Holtzclaw discouraged the moving around so much by many of the farmers declaring that they accomplished but little. He regretted that there were some people who were so used to moving that they moved every year if it were only from one house to another on the same plantation. He told them to get a permanent home.

He commended the people for the progress made. He spoke of the four million negroes emancipated with less than 3 per cent. of them being able to read and write, but now there are fully 10,000,000 with 70 per cent. of them being able to write and read and many college and high school graduates. He was proud of the progress. He was given an ovation.

Then followed the stories of the men who had helped to make things happen—men who had worked in the soil, men who had worked in the ditches, who had worked to make it possible for the negro to become educated through the school room.

The stories related by some of the men were marvelous. Some coming out of slavery, without clothes, homes, and even without names, and now owned thousands of acres of land, and some owned the plantation where they had served as slaves. At the close of the day, they left resolving to do greater things in the future.

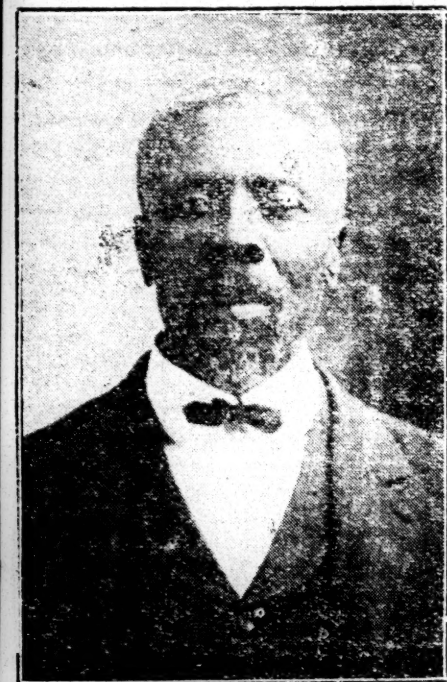
Farmers Meet!

Sunflower Agricultural Association Convenes at T. I. and E. I.

The Topeka Journal & Guide
The colored farmers, from every corner of Kansas held their annual conference at the Topeka Industrial and Educational Institute, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec 9 and 10. The meetings were held in the assembly room which was artistically decorated by the students in the Agricultural Department under the supervision of Prof. R. E. Malone, director of the department. A large banner bearing the inscription, "Welcome Farmers," greeted the farmers as they entered the room and made them at once feel the characteristic hospitality of the institution that is so well known throughout the entire West.

This year the Association inaugurated the display of various farm products, so that the hall resembled a county fair. Booths were erected and there was on exhibition specimens of various grains, wheat, alfalfa, sugar cane, sorghum, all kinds of potatoes, carrots, vegetables of every description. The women's

department was represented in exhibits of bread, cakes, pies, preserves, canned fruits, jellies, apples, nuts and candy. The exhibit from the Institute attracted especial attention.



"UNCLE" DAVID CHILES, Who Has Grown to Be an Aristocrat from Profits Derived from the Rich, Fertile Soil of Kansas.

The sessions were helpful in every detail. The discussions were full of life, right to the point and were beneficial to all present.

Dr. J. H. Bias, veterinarian, of Tuskegee Institute was in attendance upon the meeting and delivered a very appreciative talk on stock raising, prevention of hog cholera, tuberculosis in cattle and the hoof and mouth diseases of cattle. The discussion of the program this year manifested an improvement in the life and work of the Kansas farmer.

On Thursday night the judges made the following awards:

- White Dent Corn, first prize—Mr. Ernest Spottsville.
- White Dent Corn, second prize—Mr. Pryor Dickey.
- White Dent Corn, third prize—Mr. J. T. Jamison.
- Any variety of Corn, ribbon—Mr. I. B. Chiles.
- Best Yellow Dent Corn, first prize—Mr. Foster Chiles.
- Best Yellow Dent Corn, second prize—Mr. I. B. Chiles.
- Wheat, first prize—Mr. Pryor Dickey.

Feterita, first prize—Mr. S. A. Carey.

Feterita, second prize—Mr. Ernest Spottsville.

Clover seed, first prize—Mr. Pryor Dickey.

Alfalfa, first prize—Mr. Ernest Spottsville.

Kaffir, first prize—Mr. Ernest Spottsville.

Kaffir, second prize—Mr. S. A. Carey.

Any variety of Potatoes, first prize—Mrs. Frances Barber.

White Sweet Potatoes, first prize—Mr. J. F. Hayden.

White Sweet Potatoes, second prize—Mr. David Chiles.

White Sweet Potatoes, third prize—Mr. M. G. Bolin.

Red Sweet Potatoes, first prize—Mr. David Chiles.

Carrots, first prize—Mr. J. T. Jamison.

Parsnips, first prize—Mr. J. T. Jamison.

Pumpkin, first prize—Mr. J. F. Hayden.

Turnip, first prize—Mr. Foster Chiles.

Turnip, second prize—Mr. David Chiles.

Best exhibit of vegetables, first prize—Mr. David Chiles.

Best exhibit of vegetables, second prize—Mr. J. T. Jamison.

Black Walnut, first prize—Mrs. F. Barber.

Best plate of Apples, first prize—James Parks.

Best coop White Plymouth Rocks—Mr. J. T. Jamison.

Brown Leghorns, first prize—Mrs. Frances Barber.

Black Spanish, first prize—Mr. J. T. Jamison.

Best three pounds of Lard, first prize—Mrs. P. Mason.

Best Loaf of Bread, first prize—Domestic Science Department.

Best Loaf of Bread, second prize—Mrs. P. Mason.

Best Loaf of Bread, third prize—Mrs. Frances Barber.

Best Loaf Brown Bread, first prize—Mrs. P. Mason.

Best Rolls, first prize—Mrs. F. Barber.

Baking Powder Biscuit, first prize—Mrs. Mason.

Doughnuts, first prize—Mrs. P. Mason.

Grape Jelly, first prize—Mrs. Garrett.

Apple Jelly, first prize—Mrs. M. Garrett.

Tomato Ketchup, first prize—Mrs. M. Garrett.

Watermelon Preserves, first prize—Mrs. M. Garrett.

Pear Preserves, first prize—Mrs. F. Barber.

String Beans, first prize—Mrs. F. Barber.

Pears, first prize—Mrs. F. Barber.

Peach Butter, first prize—Mrs. M. Garrett.

Canned Peaches, first prize—Mrs. P. Mason.

Canned Tomatoes, first prize—Mrs. P. Mason.

A Birds-Eye View of the Topeka Industrial and Educational Institute.

Where the Sunflower Agriculturalists Were Royally Entertained.

More and more are the farmers realizing the value of the Sunflower Agricultural Association and they are determined that it shall have the unqualified support of every farmer in the Sunflower State.

Conference Notes.

Mr. J. G. Groves, of Edwardsville, although international in reputation, still continues one of the boys and is ever ready to give practical help and form his storehouse of scientific knowledge. A meeting without Bro. Julius, would be a failure.

It takes a woman to bring out the fine points in poultry raising. Mrs. R. B. Brown, of Bonner Springs, is an expert in the business and knows how to make young chicks soon grow into money.

Mr. J. R. Rogers and his family were on the eve of departing for Kentucky but just had to come up and participate in the proceedings of the meeting. He brought quite a delegation from his section of the state.

When you want syrup that is sure enough sweet, don't fail to write to O. D. Redding at Independence, Kas.

The crops of Western Kansas were so abundant that they were more than three times the purchase price of the land that raised them, according to the statements of representatives from that section.

Mr. David Chiles, the veteran truck farmer of Eastern Kansas knows how to produce even if he can't get any-

body to cook them for him. Some of his potatoes weigh more than ten pounds.

Mr. Pryor Dickey, of Oak Mills, is still claiming that hogs are great mortgage reducers. Mr. Dickey grows his hogs by the hundred.

The exhibit of seed corn shown by Mr. Ernest Spottsville, of Garnett, attracted the attention of every one. Mr. Spottsville is to be congratulated upon the breed of corn that he has developed.

If the farmers of the state follow the suggestions of Mr. P. E. Laughlin, assistant bank commissioner, it will not be long before they will have several rural banks among them.

Hon. J. C. Mohler, secretary of agriculture, State of Kansas, is still a farmer and knows the farmers' language. His address will always be remembered by those privileged to hear him.

The executive committee decided to hold two sectional meetings during the year; the first one to be held at Edwardsville early in the spring and the second in Western Kansas during the month of July. The committee is doing everything possible to bring the Association in vital touch with the farmers.

The farmers are loud in their praises of the hearty welcome given and the treatment accorded them by the faculty and students of the Institute. They feel that it is their school, the place for their boys and girls.

The address delivered by Hon. S. E. Carey, county attorney of Logan county, made us all desire to try the broad fertile acres of the Western portion of our state.

"Uncle" David Chiles, the veteran gardener and sweet potato king, represented The Topeka Plaindealer in the absence of the editor. "Uncle" David is wise when it comes to the agricultural end of a newspaper, and in covering the meeting, all are very highly pleased with the way he handled things.

MANY LECTURES FOR NEGRO FARMERS MADE

Greensboro Daily News for the First Time Prizes in Corn, Tobacco and Cotton Were Offered.

The fifth annual farmers' week, which has been in session at the A. and M. college from February 9 to 14 was brought to a close yesterday. In many respects it was one of the most successful ever held. Farmers were present from a larger number of counties than ever before which shows that the influence of each meeting is extending from year to year.

Lectures were given on nearly every phase of agricultural activity. Prof. Stanley Combs, of the state department of agriculture, delivered fine lectures on dairying; Prof. C. L. Burgess, of the state department of agriculture, delivered one lecture on agronomy; Prof. C. L. Metcalf, of the state department of agriculture, three illustrated lectures on insect pests; Dr. B. B. Flowe, state veterinarian, one lecture on diseases of live stock; Dr. C. M. Morgan, of the Southern railroad, one lecture on live stock on the farm; Prof. Thomas H. Taylor, of the A. and M. college, Raleigh, two lectures on poultry; Prof. C. R. Hudson, state agent, U. S. farm demonstration work, two lectures on corn growing; Prof. Pace, of the A. and M. college, Raleigh, one lecture on corn breeding; Prof. Anderson, demonstration agent, Guilford county, one lecture on the uses of corn, and also acted as one of the judges on corn; Dr. H. R. Fulton, state experiment station, two lectures on plant diseases; Prof. W. E. Hearn, U. S. bureau of soils, three lectures on soils and crop adaptation; Prof. W. N. Hutt, state horticulturist, four lectures on fruit growing; Prof. A. K. Robertson, U. S. department of agriculture, one illustrated lecture on Boys' Corn clubs; Prof. J. M. Johnson, U. S. department of agriculture, four lectures on farm management; Prof. W. E. Perry, agricultural agent Southern railroad, two illustrated lectures farm machinery; Prof. Gross, of the Southern railroad, one lecture on farm management.

For the first time prizes were offered for the best samples of corn, tobacco and cotton brought by the farmers. This feature added a good deal of interest to the institute. The judges awarded the prizes as follows: First prize of \$5, offered by the Patterson company, of this city, to the farmer having the 10 best ears of corn, awarded to M. S. Seales, Greensboro, route 4; second corn prize, Robert Herbin, Greensboro, route 1; third corn prize, Mat Langhorn, Brown Summit, route 1. The tobacco prize, a Globe cultivator, offered by the Odell Hardware company, was awarded to John Russell, Greensboro, route 4. The cotton prize, offered by the Cone Export and Commission company, was awarded to Fred Crutchfield, Greensboro, route 1.

It is planned to offer a greater number of prizes another year and in this way stimulate the negro farmer in producing a better product.

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FARMERS' CONFERENCE HELD
Tallahassee, Fla., May 29—The fourteenth annual farmers' conference was held here in connection with the commencement exercises of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Dr. F. H. Cardozo, director of the department of agriculture, had charge of the program. Thomas M. Campbell, of Tuskegee Institute, delivered an informing talk on "The Kind of Farming That Pays." The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. H. H. Proctor of Atlanta, Sunday morning.

Rev. R. E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, delivered the address to the graduates Thursday afternoon.

NEGRO FARMERS MEET WITH BAPTIST SOCIETY

Following Closing of Baptist Association, Talks on Boll Weevil and Farming Are Made.

Special to The Advertiser.
MARION, Ala., Nov. 4.—The forty-fourth annual meeting of the New Alabama Baptist Association, Dr. W. S. Stratman of Selma, president, has just closed. The three days' session, representing nineteen churches with some 3,000 members, was held with the Oak Grove Baptist Church, East Perry Street near Sprott, Rev. R. Z. DeYampert, pastor.

Sermons and addresses were delivered by the pastor of the church and Dr. W. S. Stratman, moderator; Rev. John N. Brown, of Marion, vice-moderator and Correspondent Secretary, Perry County Farmers' Conference; Rev. U. J. Robinson, of Thomasville, secretary of the Thomasville Farmers' Conference; Rev. A. F. Owens, of Selma, who conducted the Bible class for preachers each morning; Stephen Pryor, president of the Perry County Farmers' Conference; Rev. J. F. Monroe, Rev. W. M. Irby and others.

One hundred dollars was donated to missions and education, Selma University receiving \$50, and liberal ap-

propriations were made to the Prairie Institute, Prairie, Ala., and Marion Baptist Academy, Rev. John N. Brown, principal.

As the association is composed principally of farmers, the afternoon of Friday was devoted to a meeting of the Perry County Farmers' Conference, Stephen Pryor, presiding. The principal address was delivered by Rev. U. J. Robinson, whose knowledge and experience in handling the boll weevil prepared him to speak with authority to farmers. His address dealing in plain language with many of the problems of the farmer, was liberally applauded.

In the course of the short addresses by many of the thirty-eight farmers at the meeting, it was ascertained that within a radius of fifteen miles east of Marion, with Sprott as center, negro farmers own 8,823 acres of land on which they raised this year 700 bales of cotton, more than 4,000 bushels of corn, with ribbon cane, potatoes, etc., in abundance. The debts on these farms amounted to \$9,200. In every instance sufficient cotton was raised to pay off the debts, provided they got ten cents a pound for their cotton.

Stephen Childs' sons of Marion, whose farm exhibits took first prizes at the Perry County Fair in October and who conducts a large mercantile business in Marion and the only bakery, cultivate 200 pecan trees which yielded pecans worth \$1 a pound. The trees are budded and have been yielding from the third year of planting.

Richard H. Lee of Marion, recently appointed supervisor of the negro rural schools of Perry county under the auspices of the Jeannes fund and the Perry county superintendent of public schools, stated that the negro population of his county is 25,000; that his people are engaged in twenty-one occupations; that in his county there are forty-five schools for negroes and that twenty negro school boys worked prize acres last year; one receiving first prize at the county fair for the best all round corn.

NEGRO FARMERS' CONGRESS

Large Number of Delegates and Agricultural Speakers in Attendance at New Prairie View.

Special to The News.
Prairie View, Tex., Aug. 27.—The State Negro Farmers' Congress, which has heretofore held its meetings during the last week in July every year, but which

was postponed this time till the last week in August, convened here at the Prairie View State Normal College Thursday, Aug. 27, for a two days' session. Professor C. H. Waller, head of the department of agriculture, is acting chairman. Professor Waller made a great impression at the National Negro Farmers' Congress, which held its initial session at Birmingham, Ala., last year. The delegates began coming in on the evening of the 26th, and the outlook for a very interesting and profitable session is bright. The delegates in attendance were appointed by the county judges of their respective counties and are therefore representative men. The way in which the judges responded to the request of Mr. Blackshear that they cooperate in making this meeting a success by appointing these men gives much encouragement.

The first session of the congress was devoted mainly to general and incidental matters looking to the reorganization of the congress to the end that a wider and more permanent interest may be created in the state meetings.

There is some talk of inaugurating a plan for farmers' institutes throughout the state with the idea of having some of the department of agriculture—here to deliver lectures on different phases of farming and farm life at these institutes.

NEGRO FARMERS AT PRAIRIE VIEW

Much Interest Developed at Meeting of Congress.

Ways and Means of Improving Soil and Its Workers Discussed and Provision Made for Constitution.

(Houston Post Special.)

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, August 28.—The negro farmers congress which is meeting at the Prairie View State normal college, has developed much mutual and co-operative interest. The night session was presided over by J. F. Jingles of Waller county and was devoted to a discussion of ways and means to extend the effect and influence of the organization to reach the rank and file of the colored population of the State. R. L. Isaacs of Waller county and W. H. Wilson of Brazoria county offered suggestions for inducing the teaching profession to lend its aid in promoting the interests of the congress. A committee to outline working resolutions was appointed, with R. L. Isaacs as chairman.

Discussion on Soil Testing.
G. A. Mayo of Washington county, H. L. Tompkins of Waller county and A. B. Marshall of Brazoria discussed methods of testing soil. While these men are not expert theorists on soil testing, they have a practical knowledge of how to tell the composition of different classes of soil, and a deal of valuable information was given to the congress by them. They also discussed various grades and classes of cotton and kinds of seed adapted for planting in different sections. Reference was made to the negro who had produced as much as eight bales of cotton on one acre by improving the seed and by proper preparation of the land. This Alabama negro has actually grown eight bales to the acre and now under the direction and assistance of the federal government is making an effort to produce nine bales to the acre.

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The congress went on record as favoring a law providing for the examination of cotton classifiers under the civil service.

The address of President Blackshear at the Friday morning session aroused the body to a deeper sense of their obligation in helping to raise the standard of the colored farmer. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the governing of the congress.

Provision of Constitution.
The constitution provides for an annual meeting composed of delegates to be appointed by the various county judges of the State; that the officers of the congress shall be elected annually and that each county shall be represented on the executive committee by a vice president. The duty of the executive committee is to outline an annual program for the congress.

The constitution also provides that the vice presidents shall effect a county organization in each county. The committee on permanent organization, composed

of R. L. Isaacs, chairman; J. W. Bartlett, secretary; G. W. Wright, Erath county; Nelson Washington, Falls; G. A. Mayo, Washington; W. H. Wilson, Brazoria, made a report on securing the co-operation of the farmers throughout the State, and expressed an appreciation of the services manifested by the county judges and county superintendents and also the courtesies shown by the press and railroads.

The following officers were elected for the next year: E. L. Blackshear, president; G. W. Wright, first vice president; J. F. Jingles, second vice president; J. W. Bartlett, secretary; W. H. Wilson, assistant secretary; H. J. Mason, corresponding secretary. The executive committee is to be composed of the director of agriculture, the officers of the organization and four additional members to be appointed by the president.

FARMERS' MEETING

Nansemond County Conference
Held Interesting Session
at Holland

Suffolk, Va.—Out in the County some ten miles south-west of the city, in a neighborhood of some of the very best people and well to do farmers of the county, is located the beautiful and commodious Zion Christian Church. Its architecture and durability would do credit to any of our cities. Rev. J. W. Pattons the efficient and beloved pastor of this flock of some three hundred members. It was here, that the Nansemond County Farmers held their annual meeting July, 20-21 of this year. It is a great organization, and is worthy of the consideration of all the farmers, and other business men and women of the county. The program was one of the best and most uniquely gotten up that it has been our pleasure to see. Rev. Patton did himself glory as master of ceremonies. Farmers from all sections of the county, and many business and professional men from the city, were there in great numbers. In company with Dr. J. F. Jordan we arrived on Monday just in time to hear the closing speech of the first session. Mr. C. L. Griffin, a representative of The Guide, was at his best. He is no farmer, but is a good speaker when this paper has a chance. "The Necessity of owning a home in the country," was the first subject. Then came "How to make a

living in the country." The importance of the farmer keeping a record of his business," and "How to prepare the soil" were ably discussed by Mrs. J. H. Holland, and Messrs L. R. Howell, Frank Rogers, L. T. G. Waldren, J. H. Langston, W. H. Wiggins, D. King, Prof. R. C. Scott, Dr. J. F. Jordan, Dr. S. A. Howell and Mr. A. H. Lee. The last named takes seven different papers and reads them all. Among them is The Guide. The reporter was on hand at the opening of the second day's session, Tuesday morning. To his very agreeable surprise, he found another representative of the Journal and Guide in the person of that veteran newspaper man, Mr. W. F. Young. And then, there were three of us of the same kind. But Mr. Griffin had the right of way all to himself. The day's work opened most auspiciously. The crowds increased by the hundreds. Buggies, traps and automobiles were in great display. The city farmers met the county farmers by the hands, chicken and ham, and most everything else raised on the farm, were in great evidence. Messrs J. H. Holland, J. W. Weaver and Rev. A. A. Humphrey opened the discussion on "Why should farmers organize: "How to better the Woman's condition on the farm," by Mr. J. T. Reed; "How to make farming a paying business," by Mr. R. Carney and Mr. J. H. Holland; "The proper care of chickens," by Mesdams Mary Scott and Mabel Rogers. These speeches were exceptionally good, as was that of Mrs. J. H. Holland. "Is stock raising a profitable business" by Messrs J. W. Weaver, F. A. Rogers, Dr. J. F. Jordan and others. Right here the reporter had to leave to attend to other business in the city. We are told that all the other speakers made very good. These farmers know something about oratory. And most all of them are readers of The Guide. Before leaving, we noticed the presence of the following city farmers, who made great farming speeches:—Undertaker B. B. Elliott, E. Folk, Dr. W. T. Fuller and Mrs. Fuller. Undertaker and real estate man, W. H. Crocker, Mesdams Fannie Colden, and G. Jordan and several others.. Just what they know about farming, this reporter is not in position to

say. All of them made big farming speeches. The Farmers' meeting is held annually, in different parts of the county. It has regularly elected officers, and is in position to do a great work. It is a pleasure to one to note how very deeply they are interested in their work. It has no elected president. The pastor of the Church at which these meetings are held usually presides. The Journal and Guide offers its services to this body of business farmers. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Committee.

HAMPTON FARMERS' CONFERENCE

Successful Two Days' Session Just Held—Many Make Addresses.

[Special Correspondence of The Evening Post.]

HAMPTON, Va., November 11.—Hampton Institute has just closed a two-day busy session of its annual farmers' conference, which showed evidence of negro progress on the farm, in the home, and in the school.

The Hampton Institute Farmers' Conference display of farm, home, and school products filled the Normal School gymnasium and a 60 by 30-foot tent. This exhibition of work of negro men, women, and children was visited by hundreds and met with the heartiest approval of the State supervisors of negro rural schools who are Southern white men of strong character, experts in education, and others competent to judge the progress in negro life.

The industrial supervising teachers who have been at work introducing cooking, sewing, and manual training in rural schools, sent to the conference excellent exhibits. The negro farm demonstration agents put on exhibition some excellent specimens of crops.

The Whittier School exhibit of cooking, sewing, bench work, caning, and weaving attracted favorable attention and a practical demonstration of their work was given by the pupils.

Dr. Booker T. Washington addressed the Farmers' Conference on the closing night. He advised the colored farmers to go back to their homes and rid their houses and grounds of negro earmarks—the broken fence, the unhinged gate, the unpainted house, falling plastering, broken doorknob, and stuffed window-pane; and then to rid the school house and church of the same indications of negro ownership.

Among other speakers were President J. D. Eggleston, jr., of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Dr. C. D. Jarvis, direc-

tor of the extension work of Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs; A. B. Graham, director of extension work, Farmingdale Industrial School, Long Island; Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, of the U. S. Bureau of Education; President J. M. Gandy, of the Petersburg Normal School; R. C. Stearnes, State Superintendent; Mrs. Booker T. Washington; Rev. Charles S. Morris, of Norfolk; Prof. F. H. Carloza, of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, Tallahassee; W. T. B. Williams, field agent of the Jeanes Fund; William M. Sanders, State Supervisor of Industrial work in West Virginia; Miss Tapley, president of Spelman Seminary; John B. Pierce, and others.

At the Tuesday afternoon session of the conference \$4,197 was subscribed for agricultural scholarships. Money was liberally contributed by farm demonstration agents, supervising teachers, and the farmers themselves.

NEGRO FARMERS INTERESTED

Congress at Prairie View Considers Means of Broadening Work—Officers Are Elected.

Special to The News.

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NEGRO FARMERS MET.

Improvement Society Session in Calvert Largely Attended.

(Houston Post Special.)

CALVERT, Texas, August 27.—Several

hundred negroes are in the city attending the annual encampment of the Farmers' Improvement society.

Prof. C. L. Humber, president of the encampment, delivered an address Wednesday night. He exhibited many articles for the home made by negro housewives.

Addresses were delivered Thursday by R. L. Smith, president of the State Farmers' Improvement society; Prof. H. T. Kealing, president Western university, Kansas City, and others.

The Farmers' Improvement society is an organization composed of negro farmers of Texas, having for its object the encouraging and preparation of negro farmers for farm life. The organization also seeks to improve home life on the farm and to promote a better understanding between landlords and tenants.

The society owns and controls a college near Ladonia, which is known as the Farmers' Improvement college. This school is filled yearly with negro boys and girls who come directly from the farms. The society also owns and controls a bank with a capital stock of \$50,000 at Waco and an overall factory which employs more than 25 negro men and women every day in the year.

NEGRO BAPTISTS IN SESSION.

Central Texas Association Meeting in Navasota.

(Houston Post Special.)

NAVASOTA, Texas, August 27.—The thirty-eighth annual session of the negro Central Baptist association of Texas is holding its annual convention in Navasota this week.

Prominent negroes from all over the State are in attendance. Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Houston, Austin and many other towns and cities are represented.

The woman's missionary district convention, the Sunday school convention, the district B. Y. P. U. are all represented and holding their meetings jointly.

MEETING IS HELD BY NEGRO FARMERS

At a meeting of the Negro Farmers' Alliance and Back to the Farm association, held in the association headquarters at 409 Gay street, the program previously outlined for holding a farmers' institute September 4-26, was unanimously adopted. A motion was also passed requesting that Rev. B. J. Meridith respond in behalf of the organization to the address of welcome to be delivered at a meeting of the colored farmers at the state fairgrounds. Rev. Meridith read an interesting paper pertaining to the exhibitions to be shown by the colored farmers at the fair. Addresses were made by Dr. W. H. Young, Rev. A. B. Patterson, E. W. Washington of Hortense, Tenn., Prof. J. C. Crowley and Prof. I. J. Jordan. Wesley Hoggatt, first vice-president of the association, presided at the meeting, which was marked by an unusually large attendance. J. B. Mullins is general manager of the Negro Farmers' Alliance and Back to the Farm association.

NEGROES TO MEET.

Gathering of Colored Farmers of Orangeburg County Called. Special to The State.

Orangeburg, Sept. 5.—The Rev. A. E. Quick of Trinity colored Methodist church, at the request of the cotton congress meeting held in this city a few days ago, has called a meeting of the negro farmers of Orangeburg county to meet at his church in this city on Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing holding their cotton. He expects a large meeting and satisfactory decisions.

NEGRO FARMERS' MEETING AT MORRISTOWN MAY. 1-2

Special railroad rates from points in East Tennessee were secured Monday for the Negro Farmers' convention in Morristown which will be held in that town on May 1 and 2. It will be under the auspices of the state department of agriculture, and promises to be largely attended. The Morristown Industrial college, colored, will assist in holding the convention. Speakers from the state department, the University of Tennessee, and prominent agriculturists from this and other states will address the meeting.

FAIRHOPE IS SITE FOR COLORED FARMERS' MEETING THIS WEEK

At Fairhope on Friday and Saturday of the present week will be held a Farmers' Institute for colored people, under direction of James Williams, chairman of the Fairhope Farm Club, and Isaiah J. Whitley, who will officiate as conductor of the institute. On Sunday will be held an educational mass meeting.

There will be four sessions Friday, the first from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 3 to 6 p. m.; a woman's hour from 5 to 6, and a night session. There will be three sessions on Saturday and the Sunday mass meeting will hold from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.